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SUBJECT: BENHIMA VISIT

1. FOR EMBASSY'S BACKGROUND, CURRENT VISIT OF MINISTER OF STATE BENHIMA AND HIS INVESTMENT DELEGATION, VERY SUCCESSFUL BY ALL REPORTS. BENHIMA HAS SAID TALKS WITH STATE AND AID PRINCIPALS AND SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AS WELL AS MEETINGS AT EX-IM AND OPIC WERE NOT ONLY CORDIAL BUT VERY USEFUL. REPORTS FROM DELEGATION FROM NEW YORK AND CHICAGO VIA MOROCCAN EMBASSY INDICATE ENCOUNTERS WITH BUSINESSMEN AND BANKERS HAVE BEEN DETAILED AND PRODUCTIVE. AMBASSADOR SENOUSSEI SAID TO BE ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH EVENTS TO DATE.

2. IN POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS IN DEPT, BENHIMA BRIEFLY OUTLINED GOM VIEWS ON MOROCCO'S STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE AND ITS DESIRE TO ANCHOR ITSELF TO U.S. IN OVERALL WESTERN DEFENSE SYSTEM. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HOPES FOR COOPERATION WITH AID
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AND PRIVATE SECTOR UNDER NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN WHOSE AIM WAS

GROWTH AND SOCIAL EQUITY. ONLY DOMESTIC MOROCCAN POLITICAL NEWS OF NOTE EMERGING FROM VISIT WAS FLAT ASSERTION BY BENHIMA THAT KING HASSAN'S MARCH 3 THRONE DAY REMARKS ABOUT PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES MEANT THAT THERE WILL BE NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN MOROCCO IN DECEMBER 1974 OR JANUARY 1975 AND THAT NEW PARLIAMENT WILL DEFINITELY BE INSTALLED IN JANUARY 1975.

3. MORE DETAILED MEMCONS BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY. RUSH

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